REMARKS

Claims remaining in the present application are Claims 1-16 and 23-28. The instant Specification has been amended. Claims 1 and 11-12 have been amended. Claims 4-5 and 17-22 have been cancelled, without prejudice. Claims 23-30 have been added. No new matter has been added as a result of these amendments.

35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Ozkan, U.S. Pat. No. 6,115,074 (hereinafter, Ozkan) in view of Klosterman et al. US Published Patent Application 2003/0167473. Claims 17-22 have been cancelled, without prejudice. Therefore, the rejection to Claims 17-22 is rendered moot. The rejection to Claims 1-16 is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

Currently Amended Independent Claim 1 recites, in part:

b) a second device setting a value in an attribute field of a command, said command for requesting a table of a plurality of tables regarding said bit-stream and <u>wherein said value in the attribute field refines identification of said table being requested;</u>

<u>c) said second device setting at least one flag of a plurality of flags in said command, said step of setting defining the type of table said attribute field describes, wherein the type of table said attribute field describes is selectable between multiple types of tables;</u>

Applicants respectfully assert that Ozkan fails to teach or suggest the underscored claim limitations. Applicants note that the rejection concedes that Ozkan fails to specifically state that the command field refines identification of information being requested or that the second device sets one flag of a plurality of flags in the command, the set of setting defining the type of information the attribute field describes, wherein the type of information the attribute field describes is selectable between multiple types of information. Therefore, Ozkan fails to teach the above limitations.

Applicants respectfully assert that Klosterman fails to remedy this deficiency in that Klosterman fails to teach the claim limitations, "wherein said value in the attribute field refines identification of said table being requested," or the claim limitations "said step of setting defining the type of table said attribute field describes, wherein the type of table said attribute field describes is selectable between multiple types of tables." Klosterman's encryption flag (fig. 3, 72) may describe whether or not data has been encrypted, but does not teach or suggest the type of table said attribute field describes, as claimed. Furthermore, Klosterman's decryption key ID (fig. 3, 74) identifies what key should be used to decrypt the data (if encrypted), but does not teach or suggest the type of table said attribute field describes, as claimed (see also Klosterman at paragraph 19).

For the foregoing rationale, Claim 1 is neither taught nor suggested by Ozkan in view of Klosterman. As such, allowance of Claim 1 is earnestly requested.

Currently Amended Independent Claim 11 recites, in part:

wherein said command has a plurality of flags and a plurality of attribute fields comprising:

a table field for specifying a table identifier, and

a multi-purpose field for specifying one of a plurality a attributes related to said table field;

wherein said plurality of flags are configurable to identify the type of attribute held in said multi-purpose field.

For at least the reasons discussed in the response to Claim 1, Claim 11 is neither taught nor suggested by Ozkan in view of Klosterman. As such, allowance of Claim 11 is earnestly requested.

Claims 2-10 and 12-16 depend from Claims 1 and 11, which are believed to be allowable for the foregoing reasons. As such, Claims 2-10 and 12-16 are respectfully believed to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

Based on the amendments and remarks presented above, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-16 and 23-30 overcome the rejections of record and, therefore, allowance of Claims 1-16 and 23-30 is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner have a question regarding the instant amendment and response, the Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

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